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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):  
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For: **Method and Apparatus for Providing a Reliable Protocol for Transferring Data**

Enclosed are also:

- ☒ 31 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
☒ 9 Pages of Claims  
☒ 8 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

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| FOR                       | Number<br>Filed |       | Number<br>Extra |   | Rate  |   | Basic Fee<br>(\$710) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|---|-------|---|----------------------|
| Total Claims              | 38              | -20 = | 18              | X | \$ 18 | = | \$ 324.00            |
| Independent Claims        | 8               | -3 =  | 5               | X | \$ 80 | = | \$ 400.00            |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | 0               |       |                 | X | \$260 | = | \$ 0.00              |
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